



# Yamhill County DEMOCRATS

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## For Immediate Release

### Yamhill County Democrats Applaud Commissioner Stern's High Standards

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Yesterday Yamhill County Commissioner Mary Stern announced she would recuse herself from voting on the Riverbend landfill expansion request because the company her husband works for is a key customer of Riverbend and the outcome of the vote could affect her family's income or employment over time.

The Yamhill County Democrats applaud her open, ethical stance and would like to see more public officials give the public due consideration. As reported in the News Register on Wednesday, Commissioner George complained about fellow commissioner Stern's recusal.

"Some parties are crying 'foul' for imagined efforts to 'avoid a tough decision'. Commissioner Stern has never shirked from tough decisions, often providing the lone voice on the commission for more open county government and for taking a broader view of issues and their impact on the residents of our county," said Will Neuhauser, Chair of the Yamhill County Democrats.

In some cases, mere notification of a potential conflict without a recusal would be appropriate. However, as a county commissioner in a land-use hearing, the commissioners have a quasi-judicial role that certainly justifies the high level of integrity that Commissioner Stern is showing.

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